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SUBJECT: EXPECTED RESIGNATION OF ECEVIT GOVERNMENT  
AND IMMEDIATE REPERCUSSIONS

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1. DEVELOPMENTS AND STATEMENTS LATE SEPTEMBER 16 MADE IT  
CLEAR THAT, IN ADDITION TO EXPECTED RESIGNATION OF ECEVIT GOVERNMENT  
(REFTEL) LATE SEPTMEBER 17, POLITICAL FORCES ARE ALREADY LINING UP  
FOR LIKELY EVENTS OF COMING FEW MONTHS.

2. AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 16 PRIME MINISTER SAW PRESIDENT KORUTURK  
AND INFORMED HIM, PENDING NECESSARY AGREEMENT OF REPUBLICAN  
PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) GROUPS, THAT HE (ECEVIT) WOULD RESIGN  
SEPTEMBER 17. ECEVIT ALSO HAD LONG SESSION WITH FORMER PRIME  
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MINISTER NIHAT ERIM, WIDELY RESPECTED ELDER STATEMAN.

3. IN CONNECTION WITH POSSIBILITY OF EARLY ELECTIONS, REPORTERS ASKED PRIME MINISTER ABOUT PROBLEM OF HAVING ELECTION DURING COLD MONTHS. ECEVIT, IN REPLY, MENTIONED THAT LAST YEAR'S MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS TOOK PLACE IN EARLY DECEMBER.

4. DURING AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 18, LEADERS OF ALL MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES MADE STATEMENTS. SULEYMAN DEMIREL, PRESIDENT OF JUSTICE PARTY, SAID CYPRUS ISSUE SHOULD NOT BE USED AS BASIS FOR AN ELECTION, BUT GOVERNMENT THAT DID NOT HAVE INTERNAL HARMONY SHOULD NOT CONTINUE. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER NECMETTIN ERBAKAN, PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY, COMMENTED THAT HE SAW NO NEED FOR RESIGNATION OF CABINET, BUT THOUGHT WHAT WAS NEEDED WAS TO "GET ON WITH BUSINESS". DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADERSHIP, REPRESENTED BY VICE CHAIRMAN BILGIC, AND RELIANCE PARTY LEADERSHIP BOTH SAID THEY WERE PREPARED FOR EARLY ELECTIONS BUT AVOIDED COMMITTING THEMSELVES TO JOINING NEW COALITION.  
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